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The Pastor Speaks

Pentecost, only two weeks away, should be the period to celebrate Evangelism and Mission in the life of the church. The first Pentecost was the first season for growth in the history of the church. Yet what do we mean by "Evangelism" today? What do we mean by "Mission"?

When we hear the word "Mission," we put our hands on our wallets. Some of us to be sure that we don't give too much. Yet most of us are willing to give a few dollars every time we hear about the great needs overseas. No doubt about the great need overseas. The Christian Church in Africa, for example, is right now perhaps the fastest-growing church in the world. Growing churches need help. Yet there is need for "Mission" right here at home. There are many problems that welfare cannot handle. Where is the enthusiasm of a Paul, the ambition that made the first apostles literally work themselves to death without regard to physical danger?

The thought of "Evangelism" makes us think about Billy Graham and maybe revivals at our own churches. Yet I saw a report recently that of all those who made "decisions" at a recent Billy Graham Crusade, 53% were already active church members, and of the remainder less than 15% joined a Christian church and remained active in it. Most of the people who go to revivals are people who are already active church members. True "evangelism" would mean that active church members don't just go to hear somebody preach, but instead those same Christian workers would beat the bushes door-to-door and bring unchurched people to the service. That sort of evangelistic work isn't as beautiful as listening to a fine preacher. That sort of evangelism, however, is the fundamental meaning of Pentecost. When the Holy Spirit comes into your life, you just naturally want to get out and start serving other people.

The Appomattox United Methodist Circuit
Rev. James M. Becker, Pastor
Appomattox, Va.

'TWAS AT THE HOMEMAKERS QUILTING PARTY

As the above pictures show, April 17, 1978 was a busy day for some of the Extension Homemakers of Appomattox County when they met at the Extension office and made a quilt - that's right MADE A QUILT. The squares had been cut ahead of time, but the sewing was done that day. Some who had never seen a quilt being made, completed a whole square in a short time. However, it was not all work - the members enjoyed a delicious covered dish lunch and the conversation was never lacking in interest.

The quilt, the Log Cabin, will be given away on June 10-11, at 5 p.m. the first day of our two-day Patchwork Festival, which will be at the Appomattox County High School cafeteria. The lucky name will be drawn from all those making a $1.00 donation to the Extension Homemakers Council. Members of all fourteen Appomattox County clubs will be accepting these donations.

Katie Martin, Reporter

Library News

The Go and See Tour March 29 started out at the Appomattox Elementary School Library where we were met by Mrs. Jean Hesson, General Supervisor for the Appomattox County School System, who introduced us to Mrs. Janice Loveless, Librarian, and Mrs. Stratton, Library aide. They showed us the library facilities and explained the program carried out with the children which teaches them the Dewey System and use of the card catalog.

From there we proceeded to the Primary School and Mrs. Nellwyn Smith, Media Specialist, described the many activities the children experience in this library. Mrs. Pat Torrence, principal, took pictures of Mrs. Virginia Tyler, Chuck Wilkinson and Patsy Butler admiring the castle made by Kashia Haskikns through a supplementary enrichment to the reading program wheeby she read directions and then carried them out to the finished work.

Mrs. Torrence also took a picture of those on the tour which included Virginia Tyler, Minerva Kepler, Eleanor McWilliams, Mary Jane Hoffman, grouped around Mrs. Smith.

The tour continued on to the Middle School and we were greeted there by Louise Parris, librarian, who described how these older students used the library to carry out classroom assignments. This library has a comprehensive collection of current magazines.

Librarian Hattie Hayes led the group through the many well organized resources of the High School which included cartels wired for AV use and she showed us the room used for putting together the Year Book.

At Pamplin Elementary School, Mrs. Margaret Glover, librarian and reading teacher, described the work carried out in this colorful facility. This library is the only one in Pamplin and like the other school libraries is closed in the summer.

Mrs. Barbara Waddell, principal of Pamplin School, invited us to be her guests for a delicious lunch in the school cafeteria.

The members of the Friends of the Library learned a great deal about the fine programs carried out in all the school libraries and discovered many stimulating ideas for their future programs which will be aimed at service to the residents of the county. We are grateful to Mr. Walton and Mrs. Hesson for their cooperation and appreciate the courtesy shown to us throughout the tour by the school personnel.

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It isn't too late to join the Friends of the Library. Phone Mrs. McWilliams at 352-5402 for details.

PIANO RECITAL PRESENTED

The piano students of Mrs. Helen Talbert presented a recital on Sunday, April 23, at Dillwyn Elementary School. Students from Appomattox who took part on the program were Laureen Garcia, Rhonda Morgan, Jeffrey Williams, Eduardo Garcia, Vivian Seay, Jody Williams and Lourdes Garcia.

Following the program, a social hour was enjoyed by students and guests.

OAKVILLE

The children of Mrs. James Martin celebrated her birthday with a luncheon on Sunday, April 23 at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Wilcox. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, Robert, Sandra, Roxie, Bobby and Robin Martin, Doris, Lewis and Hunter Martin, Donnie, Helen, Kevin, Kana, Audrey and Nicole Moore, Mrs. Harold Martin, Mr. Malcolm Drinkard, Buddy, Ann, Sherry and Jeffrey Wilcox. All of Mrs. Martin's children were present with the exception of her son, Harold Martin, who is in Lynchburg General Hospital. We wish Harold a speedy recovery and hope that Mrs. James Martin will have many more happy birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Tweedy visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Wilcox and family on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Kathy Marshall, of Madison University, came home for the week end.

Mr. James D. Marshall and Miss Kathy Marshall were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Moore Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Marshall celebrated their son's, Mr. Doug Marshall's birthday Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. W. Clark Moore, Miss Rita Ferguson and Miss Kathy Marshall.

Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., who has been suffering from bursitis is better.

Miss Ethel Gardner visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr. Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lucado visited relatives Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hamilton, of Richmond, also Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hamilton of Newport News, last week end.

Mrs. Rob Lucado and Mrs. Marshall Hunter played cards Thursday night in the home of Mrs. M. W. Drinkard.

DIAL GOOD NEWS
352-7900

WINNER OF 40 CHANNEL MOBILE UNIT - Pictured above is David Page left, and Paul Martin, right, members of the Central Virginia REACT Team #3007 and in the center is William Chenault, the winner of the 40 Channel Brownie Mobile Unit that was given away by the Central Virginia REACT at the Coffee Break March 31st held at the Avalon Club. REACT members would like to thank everyone who came out to the Coffee Break and supported them.

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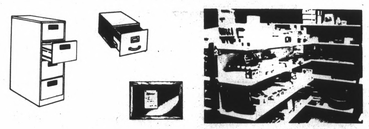

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HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

The County Junior Demonstration Contest was held Saturday at Appomattox Elementary School with 54 4-H'ers taking part. Winners included: Hersey Diggs, Robert Gray, Dale Glover, Kenneth McClenny, Jim Hix, April Talbot, Sally Coleman, Karen Stevens, Debbie Smith, Laurie Cowan, Sharon Davis, Shelia Roach, Martha Haley, Mark Embrey, Cedi Jacobs, Ruby Smith, Susan Booker, Cindy Wooten, Jeff Miller, Jennifer Inge, Brett Marston, Glen McClenny, Janis Richardson, Donald Martin, Charles Womack, Jr., Dana Moore, Blair Smith, Ray Phelps, and Tom Cobb. These winners as well as representatives from earlier programs will travel to Brookville High School to compete in an area contest this coming Saturday. 4-H'ers from Amherst, Bedford, Halifax and Campbell Counties as well as Appomattox will be involved in the program.

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The 7th and 8th grade 4-H clubs at Appomattox Middle School will be sponsoring a Dance-a-Thon for the American Cancer Society on Saturday, May 20. The Dance-a-Thon will be open to all students at Appomattox Middle School and will begin at 10:00 a.m. The dance will last until 6:00 p.m. Members of the Appomattox Chapter, American Cancer Society will be assisting with the Dance-a-Thon; sponsor sheets will be available about May 1.

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4-H'ers have received their loblolly pine seedlings from the Virginia Division of Forestry. Also, wildlife feed patch seed from the Game Commission has been delivered to 4-H'ers.

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Members of the 4-H Teen Leader Club have been assisting with the fund raising efforts of the American Red Cross. Tomorrow (Friday) 4-H'ers will be stationed at King's and Wilbun's from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. to take donations for the American Red Cross.

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4-H'ers of the Week: Those 54 members who presented demonstrations or illustrated talks in this past Saturday's program.

OAKVILLE

Mrs. Maggie Burgman, Ethel Gardner, Vernell Beasley visited Mrs. Walker Cawthorne of Crewe Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Almond visited Ethel Gardner and Vernell Beasley Sunday night.

Ethel Gardner visited Mrs. Dora Coleman, Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Mary Fannie Phelps and Mrs. Edna Spiggle on Monday.

Lt. Wheeler Completes Course

Ft. Huachuca, Ariz. (AHINC) April 14 - Second Lieutenant David S. Wheeler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben D. Wheeler, Rt. 2, Appomattox, completed on April 14, the military intelligence officer basic course at the Army Intelligence School, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

The nine-week course provided instruction in general military subjects, tactical doctrine and small unit operations, weapons and fire support, and basic intelligence orientation.

Lt. Wheeler entered the Army in November 1977 and was commissioned through the reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

The lieutenant received a B.S. degree in 1977 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg.

Smokey Says:

The Forest floor is full of growing things that need protection! It up to you . . . help prevent forest fires!

SENIOR FHA MEETS

On April 19, 1978, the Senior Chapter Future Homemakers of America held its monthly meeting in the cafeteria at Appomattox County High School.

Mary Dyess, president, called the meeting to order. Jane Almond gave the devotions and Pam Taylor, secretary, read the minutes from the previous meeting. Gloria Hodges gave the treasurer's report and Jane Almond gave the banquet committee report.

The program was turned over to Pam Taylor and Susan Parris. The program was "Match Game FHA" with Susan Parris as emcee. Shown above are the members and officers who participated in the Match Game. They are, left to right, Brenda Robinson, Brenda Coleman, Lawanda Booker, Laverne Booker, Pam Taylor, Susan Parris, Shelby Smith, Joan Williams, Karen Covington, Penny Elliott, Cheryl Elliott, Mary Catherine Simpson.

Mary Dyess, president, then adjourned the meeting.

FHA Reporter

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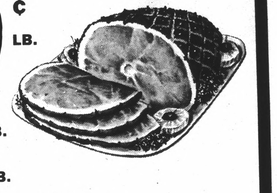

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